

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for outputting audio-visual signals on a client system, said method comprising the steps of including:

_____ selecting ~~(I)~~ a selected input from at least one local
5 input ~~(12, 12', 12'', 18)~~ and at least one network input ~~(11)~~;

_____ if said network input ~~(11)~~ is selected as said selected input+;

_____, receiving ~~(II)~~ network signal data representing said audio-visual signals at said network input;

10 _____ outputting ~~(III)~~ at an output ~~(15)~~ said audio-visual signals in a ~~for humans~~ human-perceptible form;

_____ and if said local input ~~(12, 12', 12'', 18)~~ is selected as said selected input+;

15 _____, selecting ~~(IV)~~, from a local signal database, local signal data representing said audio-visual signals;

_____ outputting ~~(III)~~, at said output ~~(15)~~, said audio-visual signals in a ~~for humans~~ human-perceptible form;

~~characterised~~ characterized in that,

20 said step of selecting ~~(I)~~ a selected input is performed in an automated manner based on at least one predetermined criterion.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of said at least one predetermined criterion is based on a property of said local signal data.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 2, wherein if said local input is selected, said predetermined criterion is based on a property of said audio-visual signals being outputted.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of said at least one predetermined criterion is based on a predetermined relation between a parameter related to ~~the~~an amount of transmitted local signal data and a parameter
5 related to ~~the~~an amount of transmitted network signal data.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 4, wherein said predetermined relation is ~~the~~a ratio of the amount of transmitted local signal data and the amount of transmitted network signal data.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one predetermined criterion is based on a parameter related to the costs of said network signal data.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as is claimed in claim 4,
wherein said selecting is performed based on said one of said at
least one first predetermined criterion, based on a predetermined
relation between a parameter related to the amount of transmitted
5 local signal data and a parameter related to the amount of
transmitted network signal data, and at least one second
predetermined criterion based on a parameter related to the costs
of said network signal data ~~is used and at least one second~~
~~criterion~~, and wherein, irrespective of said first predetermined
10 criterion, said local input ~~(12,12',12'',18)~~ is selected as said
selected input as soon as said at least one second predetermined
criterion is satisfied.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 1,
wherein if said local input ~~(12,12',12'',18)~~ is selected as said
selected input, said method further comprises the steps of: ~~said~~
_____ receiving of said network signal data ~~is performed~~
5 simultaneously; and
_____ storing said network signal data ~~is stored~~ in a buffer
memory means ~~(17)~~ as buffered data.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 8,
wherein said method comprises:

_____ performing a second step of selecting ~~(I)~~ a selected input is performed after said local input ~~(12, 12', 12'', 18)~~ is selected;

5 and

_____ if, in said second step of selecting ~~(I)~~, said network input ~~(11)~~ is selected as said selected input, using said buffered data ~~is used (IX)~~ for providing network signal data.

10. (Currently Amended) A The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said method further comprises the steps of:

_____ receiving metadata simultaneously with said step of receiving network signal data ~~(II) a metadata reception step (XIII)~~
5 ~~of receiving metadata is performed,~~ and said method further ~~including a metadata output step (XIV) of~~
_____ outputting said metadata in a ~~for humans~~ human-perceptible form.

11. (Currently Amended) A The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said metadata includes pricing data representing pricing and selling information relating to said audio-visual signals.

12. (Currently Amended) A The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said method further comprises the step of:
_____ displaying said metadata ~~is displayed on~~ a visual output means.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A—The~~ method as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 1,
wherein said network signal data is obtained from a server computer
system ~~(2,2',2'')~~ which is communicatively connected to said network
input ~~(11)~~, and wherein said method is performed on a client

5 computer system.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~A—The~~ method as claimed in claim 1,
wherein said audio-visual signals are audio signals.

15. (Currently Amended) A client system for outputting audio-
visual signals ~~including~~, said client system comprising:

 at least one network input ~~(11)~~ ~~in use~~ communicatively
connected to at least one server system ~~(2,2',2'')~~, said server

5 system ~~(2,2',2'')~~ ~~in use~~ transmitting network signal data
representing ~~said~~ audio-visual signals to said network input ~~(11)~~;

 a memory means ~~(12,12',12'')~~ provided with local signal
data also representing ~~said~~ audio-visual signals;

 a switch device ~~(13)~~ ~~in a local mode~~ ~~communicatively~~
10 ~~connected with~~ having a first switch input contact ~~(13')~~ coupled to
said memory means ~~(12,12',12'')~~ in a local mode, and ~~in a network~~
~~mode~~ ~~communicatively connected with~~ a further switch input contact
~~(13'')~~ coupled to said at least one network input ~~(11)~~, ~~said switch~~

device ~~(13)~~ having in a network mode, and a switch output contact
15 ~~(13''')~~; and
an output device (15) communicatively connected~~coupled~~ to
said switch output contact ~~(13''')~~, which said output device (15) in
use outputs outputting said audio-visual signals in a ~~for humans~~
human-perceptible form;
20 ~~characterised~~ characterized in that, said client system further
comprises:
a control device
~~said switch device (13) is arranged to be controlled by a control~~
~~device (14) for automatically switching said switch device (13)~~
25 between said local mode and said network mode depending on at least
one predetermined criterion.

16. (Currently Amended) A The client system as claimed in claim
15, wherein at least one of said at least one predetermined
criterion is based on a property of said local signal data.

17. (Currently Amended) A The client system as claimed in claim
16, wherein if said switch device ~~(13)~~ is in said local mode, said
predetermined criterion is based on a property of said audio-visual
signals being outputted.

18. (Currently Amended) A-The client system as claimed in claim 15, wherein at least one predetermined criterion is based on a predetermined relation between a parameter related to ~~the~~ an amount of transmitted local signal data and a parameter related to ~~the~~ an amount of transmitted network signal data.

19. (Currently Amended) A-The client system as is claimed in claim 18, wherein said predetermined relation is the ratio of the amount of transmitted local signal data and the amount of transmitted network signal data.

20. (Currently Amended) A-The client system as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 15, wherein at least one predetermined criterion is based on a parameter related to ~~the~~ costs of said network signal data.

21. (Currently Amended) A-The client system as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 18, wherein said control device controls the switch device depending on at least one first predetermined criterion based on a the predetermined relation between a the parameter related to the amount of transmitted local signal data and a the parameter related to the amount of transmitted network signal data, and at least one second predetermined criterion based on a parameter related to the costs of said network signal data ~~are valid~~, and wherein said control device ~~(14) is arranged to switch~~ switches said switch

10 device ~~(13)~~ to said local ~~input mode~~ as soon as said at least one second predetermined criterion is satisfied, irrespective of said at least one first-first predetermined criterion.

22. (Currently Amended) A The client system as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 15, wherein said ~~network input (11) is connected to~~ client system further comprises a buffer memory ~~(17)~~ coupled to said network input for storing network signal data as buffered data,
5 said buffer memory ~~(17)~~ having a buffer output connected to said switch device ~~(13)~~.

23. (Currently Amended) A The client system as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 15, wherein said client system further including comprises:
_____ a selection device ~~(18)~~ for selecting local signal data from said local signal database, said selection device ~~(18)~~ being
5 ~~communicatively connected~~ coupled to said local signal database ~~(12, 12', 12'')~~ and to said switch device ~~(13)~~.

24. (Currently Amended) A The client system as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 15, wherein said client system further including comprises:
_____ a network selection device ~~(16)~~ for selecting one of a plurality of server systems ~~(2, 2', 2'')~~, said network selection
5 device being ~~communicatively connected~~ coupled to said at least one server system ~~(2, 2', 2'')~~ and to said switch device ~~(13)~~.

25. (Currently Amended) A The client system as ~~is~~ claimed in claims' 15, wherein said at least one server system ~~(2,2',2'')~~ in use further transmits metadata, and said client system further ~~includes~~ comprises a metadata output device ~~(15)~~ communicatively
5 ~~connected~~ coupled to said network input ~~(11)~~.

26. (Currently Amended) A The client system as ~~is~~ claimed in claim ~~20~~ 25, wherein said metadata represents pricing and selling information about said audio-visual signals.

27. (Currently Amended) A The client system as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 25, wherein said metadata output device ~~(15)~~ is a visual display device.

28. (Currently Amended) A computer program for running on a computer system, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the computer program contains code portions for performing steps of a method as is claimed in claims 1 when running on a computer system.

29. (Currently Amended) A data carrier containing data representing a the computer program as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 28.